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SUBJ: PAN AM RESUMES ANGOLAN OVERFLIGHTS AND PLANS FOR
RIO FLIGHTS

1. PAN AM JOHANNESBURG MANAGER, VON AHLEFELD, SAID THAT AIR
TRAFFIC CONTROL LUANDA CAME THROUGH WITH OVERFLIGHT PERMISSION
LATE IN EVENING DECEMBER 22 FOR ALL ITS SCHEDULED FLIGHTS.
HE SAID THAT HE HAD FILED FOR PERMISSION 8 OR 9 DAYS AGO ON
INSTRUCTIONS FROM NEW YORK BUT HAD HEARD NOTHING UNTIL
PERMISSION RECEIVED.

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2. WITH CLEARANCE IN HAND, HIS FREIGHTER FLIGHT ORIGINALLY LOADED FOR NON-STOP MONROVIA WAS RELOADED TO RESTORE KINSHASA STOP AND DEPARTED 0100 HOURS LOCAL DEC 23.

3. OUTGOING PASSENGER FLIGHT FROM JOHANNESBURG SCHEDULED FOR DEC 23 DEPARTURE LEFT 75 MINUTES LATE TODAY AND WILL OVERFLY ANGOLA. DELAY IN ITS DEPARTURE WAS CAUSED BY LATE ARRIVAL OF INCOMING FLIGHT USING CIRCUITOUS ROUTING FROM KINSHASA OVER NAIROBI AND DAR ES SALAAM.

4. VON AHLEFELD SAID PAN AM WILL CONTINUE ITS OVERFLIGHTS OF ANGOLA UNLESS OBVIOUSLY CLEARANCE REVOKED.

5. ON QUESTION OF OVERFLYING ZAMBIA ON ALTERNATE ROUTING, HE SAID THE BEST PAN AM REP HAD BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN FROM MIN-TRANSPORT AT LUSAKA WAS "NOT RPT NOT A NO".. MIN SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO REFER QUESTION UPWARD (PAN AM INFERS THIS MEANS TO KAUNDA).

6. WITH REFERENCE TO PAN AM FLIGHT VIA RIO HE CONFIRMED TWICE WEEKLY SCHEDULES WITH DEPARTURE ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS FROM JOHANNESBURG. NORTHBOUND STOP IS PLANNED AT NEW SOUTH AFRICAN AIRPORT OF UPINGTON SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION JAN 22. SHOULD UPINGTON NOT BE READY IN TIME PAN AM PLANS TO SUBSTITUTE CAPE TOWN TEMPORARILY. HE PLANS DELIVER REVISED SCHEDULES TO SAG CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTOR DECEMBER 29.

7. PAN AM WEST AFRICAN SERVICE WILL DROP TO ONE FLIGHT A WEEK (FLIGHTS 184/185) AND PLANS FOR ONE STOP SERVICE TO NEW YORK VIA MONROVIA SCHEDULED TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 9 HAVE NOW BEEN SHELVED.

8. WE INFORMED VAN AHLEFELD WE HAD SENT NOTE TO SAG ON RIO ROUTE AS INSTRUCTED BY STATE 299591.
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